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ORANJESTAD -- Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar welcomed media to the government house press room yesterday afternoon to announce there were just a few hours left to fill up gas tanks before an 8.8% increase of 19.1 Aruban cents per liter went into effect at midnight, April 12. Gasoline will go from 2.16.7 Aruban florins to 2.35.8 per liter. (\$4.45 per gallon).

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Delegates to ATCA 2011 meet the team of the new Aruba Tourism Authority

These are times when innovation and adaptability are the keys to success, and the Annual Tourism Conference Aruba, ATCA 2011, which officially opened on Monday evening April 11 with an elegant welcome event on the deck of the Hyatt Regency Resort & Casino, supports this philosophy abundantly in their program and goals.

This is the 21st annual ATCA, which introduced long-time tourism partners to the newly reorganized and privatized ATA, and its first CEO, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes. The opening evening was themed by Aruba's newest "jewel in the crown" the Aruba International Film Festival, and the 39 visiting tour operators and airline executives met the producers, Jonathan and Giuseppe, while enjoying the excitement and glamour of last year's event.

The opening night is an opportunity to become reacquainted with old friends and contacts, such as Colleen Lesaard, who was an important force in the ATA for a number of years, and is back again on the team as the representative handling Canada and parts of mid and northwest U.S.

Tuesday morning, during the official opening ceremonies at the Westin Resort, conference attendees were given the hard numbers of Aruba's tourism performance over 2010, which Ronella and Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association CEO Jim Hepple both declared "encouraging." However, they acknowledged the challenges of volatile world circumstances in regards to oil producing countries and the detrimental effect on the price of oil and jet fuel, which will then affect airline performance and the price of travel to Aruba.



Guest speaker Marc Lefton



Guest speaker with James Hepple of AHATA and Ronella Tjin-Asjoe-Croes of ATA

Peter Steinmetz, CEO of the Aruba Airport Authority introduced their new Head of Airline Marketing Joanne Arends, in a most disarming fashion that relaxed and entertained the audience. He also provided an exciting preview of various renovated and beautified areas of the Reina Beatrix International Airport which greeted the delegates on their arrival, or they can look forward to enjoying when they come to Aruba for the ATCA 2012. Jonathan Lange, Senior VP of Deutch, Aruba's advertising agency in New York, and Maria Brewer, VP of MSilver & Associates, the island's P/R firm, presented statistics on response to campaigns by their respective agencies, and plans to deploy various marketing means in the coming months.

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Mexico blames Zetas drug cartel for killings

MEXICO CITY (AFP) – The Mexican government on Tuesday blamed the Zetas drug cartel for killing at least 116 people whose bodies have been discovered in a complex of mass graves in the northern state of Tamaulipas.

Marisela Morales, Mexico's attorney general, gave the new official death toll after the mass graves began to surface in Tamaulipas last week.

"As of (Tuesday) we can confirm that a total of 116 people have been found dead as a result of criminal actions apparently caused by actions by the Zetas criminal group," Morales told reporters.

Morales said that more than 30 experts were working to identify the bodies found in the San Fernando area of Tamaulipas state.

The Zetas and their former



A Mexican Federal Police officer stands guard as members of drug gang "Los Zetas" are shown to the press in Mexico City in 2010.

employers, the Gulf Cartel, are engaged in a fierce battle in northeastern Mexico over

control of lucrative smuggling routes into the United States.

Japan raises nuclear disaster to Chernobyl level

TOKYO, Japan (AFP) – Japan upgraded its month-old nuclear emergency to a maximum seven on an international scale of atomic crises yesterday, placing it on a par with the Chernobyl disaster a quarter-century ago.

The reassessment to a "major accident" with "widespread health and environmental effects" was based on the total radiation released, which officials said was one-tenth of the 1986 accident in the then

Soviet Union.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan, however, also stressed that "step by step, the reactors in the Fukushima Daiichi power plant are moving toward stability. The level of radioactive materials released is declining."

Low levels of radiation have been detected in China, and its government last week extended an import ban on food and produce from parts of Japan near the plant.



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The report did not provide any details on the questioning or the location.

On Sunday, public prosecutor Abdel Magid Mahmud ordered that Mubarak and his sons Alaa and Gamal be questioned over violence against protesters during riots that ended Mubarak's 30-year reign, and corruption.

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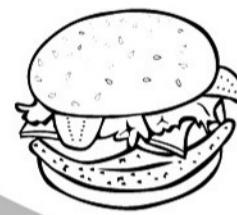
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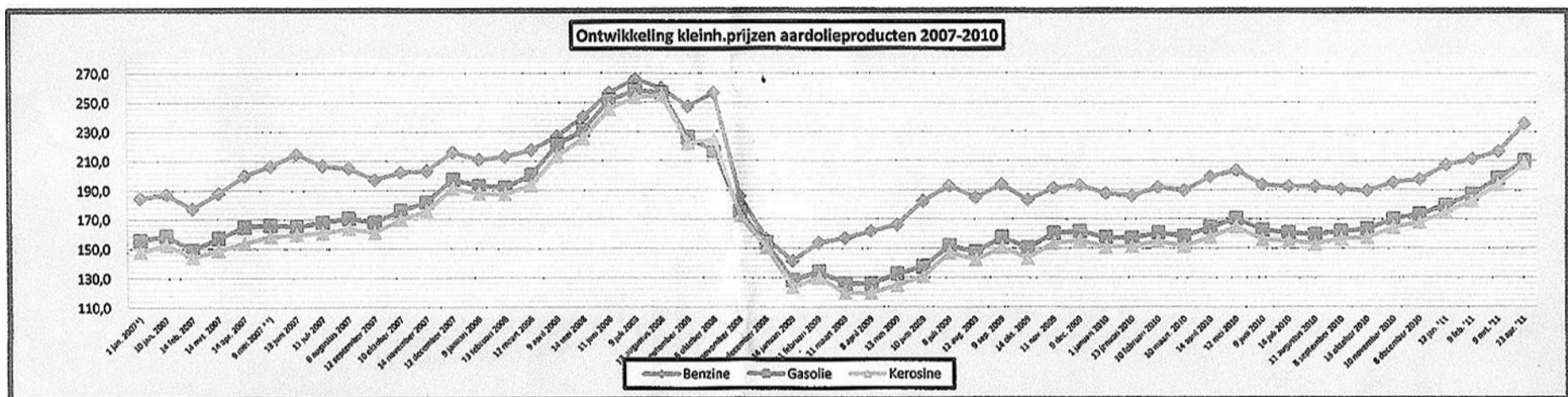
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The price of diesel also took a 6.1% hike, for an increase from 1.98.1 to 2.10.2; an additional 12.1 cents per liter and kerosene will now cost 2.08.2 per liter, a 14.7% increase of 7.6 Aruban cents. Government taxes account for 26% of the final consumer price, exclusive of BBO.

The Minister regrets having to authorize these price increases, but explained the volatile political situation in many of the Middle Eastern oil producing nations and qualms in the international market regarding the status of their oil output have been steadily causing the standard price of oil to rise globally,

and it is now affecting Aruba with one of the most drastic increases seen in some time. "What is happening here is happening in everywhere in the world right now, not only here," she reminded press members.

September of 2008 saw oil prices rise to an all-time high per barrel, with consumer response causing a drastic drop, but they have been steadily on the rise, with very slight fluctuations, since then. The same outraged reaction as in 2008 with individuals practicing austerity measures resulting in reduced demand might again be effective. The Minister reports the govern-

ment is considering a number of options to possibly help alleviate consumer cost.

W.E.B., Aruba's water and energy provider, conducted a press conference last week informing the public that the rise of water and energy bills was inevitable; the augmentation of the price in gasoline, diesel and kerosene should come as no surprise. The April 11 increase is the fourth, but most dramatic price increase Aruban consumers have experienced since the start of 2011.

by Rosalie Klein

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First quarter tourism results show nice increase

ORANJESTAD -- In last Monday's press conference with ATA (Aruba Tourism Authority) and AHATA (Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association) the results of the first quarter performance of Tourism was made known to the general public. ATA CEO, Ronella Tjin-Asjoe-Croes, reported on the amount of visitors for 2010, which was a total of 216,116 and for the current year, 2011, this went up to 224,051 in the first quarter of the year, namely in the months of January to March. This represents an increase of 2.28%. The average daily results (ADR) of hotels went up to al-

most 6% which was beneficial to our hotels seeing that they could have sold their rooms at a higher rate.

With respect to the North American market, Aruba experienced a small drop of 0.59% for the first quarter of 2011. This is as a result of the economic situation from which this market is still recovering. Furthermore, the airlines changed their strategy which resulted in less airline seats and higher ticket fares.

During the upcoming annual conference in the US this week, the various stakeholders will present their ideas for 2011 which will delineate a

clearer picture of tourism for the North American market.

As to the South American market, there was a nice increase of 13.34% for the first quarter of 2011. As we compare the month of March 2010 with March 2011 there was a definite increase of 4.8% for this South American market.

Visitors from Venezuela had a drop of 2.9% and from Colombia there was also a drop of 23.3%. One of the causes for these decreases is the fact that last year the Holy Week period was in March and this year it is in the month of April. ATA has already an impressive list of charters regis-

tered from Venezuela for this year's Holy Week which will make a major positive impact on our tourism this year.

The four markets which showed a sizeable increase were Argentina with 12.7%, Brazil with 124%, Chile with 56.4% and Ecuador with 327.5%. Charter flights to Aruba from Ecuador have been the primary cause for this increase from this region. After a sluggish beginning from the Brazilian market we have noted that as of March there has been a steady increase similar to what we saw during 2010.

As for Europe, there was a noted increase of 8.33% in the

first quarter of 2011. For the month of March, however, there was a small decrease of 0.34% compared to that of March 2010 for this European market.

ATA's goal is to attract not simply more visitors, but more quality visitors to our island. This, they believe will increase the return ratio of our visitors as well as the spending ratio of this type of visitor. This, of course does not preclude the need to work towards increasing the amount of visitors, for quantity remains important for Aruba especially during the low seasons where there is always room for more visitors.



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Island parliamentarians attend the opening ceremonies



Joanne Arends



Lizette and Ricky Malmberg with tourism icons Adwina Arends and Coleen Lesaard



Jonathan Lange and Maria Brewer

This neatly segued to the presentation of this year's keynote speaker, Marc Lefton, founder and partner/creative of Half Fiction, "an agency of the future," which specializes in marketing through various Social Medias, such as Facebook. His talk was titled "Force Multiplier: Integrating Social Media into existing efforts." I was a fascinating discourse for those looking towards the best way to market their product, at relatively low cost, actually allowing the consumers posting to various online outlets to drive business to one's door.

The use of social media to promote a positive vacation, dining or entertainment experience is actually equivalent to the process of "word of mouth," but a great boon for marketers and advertising specialists as it allows actual tracking of responses and remarks, unlike those in private conversation. The exponential growth of the use of social media as a means to communicate and apprise friends and family of something worthwhile, will prove increasing invaluable to entities wishing to market their product or destination efficiently and effectively.

The morning ended with a fabulous lunch put up by the Westin in their Pago Pago Restaurant before delegates continued with their exhaustive investigations of Aruban resort upgrades and changes and networking sessions which will take place over through April 14.



Joanne Kelly and Paola Ochoa of the ATA

by Rosalie Klein

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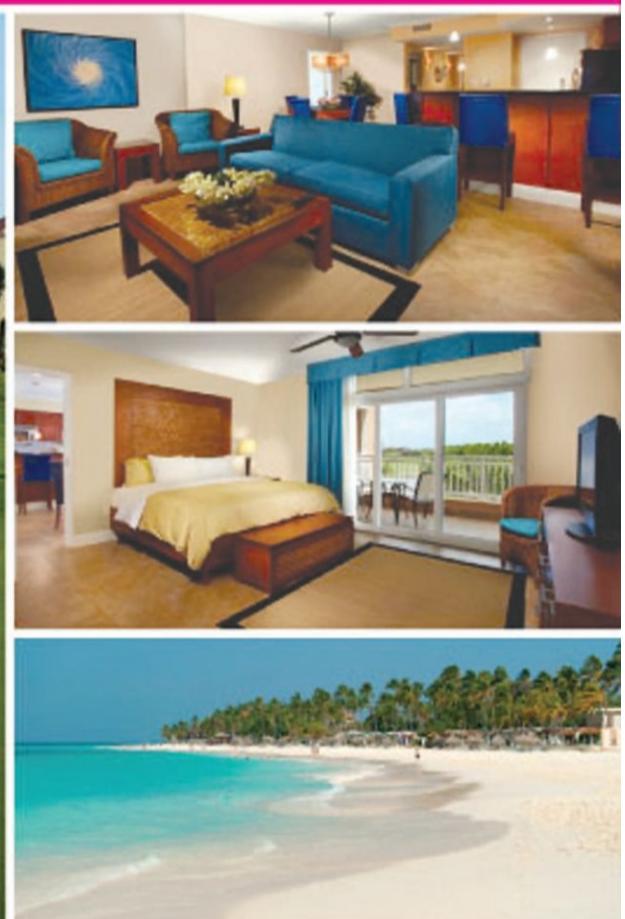
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Christy Garrido is Manager of the Year at Divi



Christy Garrido was named manager of the year for Divi's Vacation Ownership division offering the purchase of timeshare luxury condos and villas at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort on Palm Beach. Top achievers from the Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort joined the stars of Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort, and Divi Dutch Village Resort for an award gala at the Westin Resort & Casino Aruba, Grand Ballroom. The gala recognized achievement at all three properties and was conducted by Director of Timeshare for Divi Resorts Paula Smith, and VP of Sales & Marketing Mark Steward.

Handsome plaque were presented to Most Improved from 2009 to 2010, Marketing, Euphema Stephens; Most Improved from 2009 to 2010, Divi Links, Judeska Peterson; Most Improved from 2009 to 2010 Aruba Phoenix Miguel Daza; Overall Top VPG Award, Sigifredo Castaño; Overall Top Closing Percentage Nickie Simmons; Top In-house Performer of the year, Divi Links, Iona Lanoy de Windt; Top In-house Performer of the Year, Aruba Phoenix, Hubert Cunha; Administration Outstanding Work Award, Undina Williamson; and Outstanding Achievement Award, Nathalie Naar.

Nominees and winner were lauded by Smith and Steward for their dedication while Divi's CEO E.J. Schanferber credited the Divi sales team for his company's financial success.

Pictured here the award presentation at the gala.





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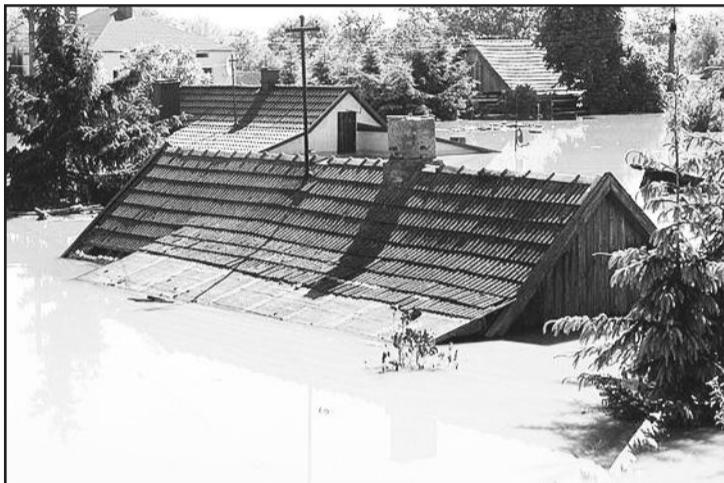
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Europe faces 'drought and flood burden': scientist



GENEVA (AFP) – A leading climate scientist warned Tuesday that Europe should take action over increasing drought and floods, stressing that some climate change trends were clear despite variations in predictions.

"There are some robust areas like Siberia, we know what the climate will be, another robust area is the Mediterranean, because the models tell the same story," said Zbigniew Kundzewicz, review editor of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) chapter on freshwater resources.

"Climate change will pose two major water challenges in Europe: increasing water stress in southern Europe and increasing floods elsewhere," he added during a workshop organised by the UN Economic Commission on Europe.

"Current water management practices may be inadequate to reduce adverse impacts of climate change."

The Polish scientist said southern Europe would be more affected than northern Europe, with evidence already of hotter weather and longer drought leading to

water shortages, harm to agriculture, a 20 to 50 percent decrease in hydro-electric power and denser water pollution.

Nonetheless, the intensity of rainfall when it does occur is also growing with warming, raising the threat of sudden summer floods such as those that hit eastern Europe in August 2002.

Kundzewicz also highlighted the amplifying impact of shifting land use, including more urban areas which absorb water less readily than rural areas during sudden rainfall.

"One hundred years floods may become a 50-year or 20-year flood," he explained.

The IPCC expert acknowledged that more than a dozen climate change models were "not ready for prime time" because of the way they sometimes differed on detail, partly because of the lack of a clear picture of future carbon emissions.

"We can't adapt to one fixed, crisp number, but we know a range and sometimes the range is disturbing," he added.

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Sony this week said a US hacker has agreed to stop breaking into PlayStation 3 (PS3) videogame consoles as part of a deal made to drop a lawsuit filed by the Japanese consumer electronics giant.

"It was never my intention to cause any users trouble or to make piracy easier," hacker George Hotz said in a joint statement released by Sony Computer Entertainment America (SCEA). "I'm happy to have the litigation behind me."

Sony went to court early this year to stop hackers who figured out how to "jailbreak" PS3 consoles to operate on software other than that originally installed by the firm.

SCEA accused Hotz of violating federal law by posting online information that could be used to circumvent the PS3 security system and allow play of pirated videogames.

A judge granted Sony a restraining order against Hotz, a 23-year-old New Jersey resident, and the case was to be heard in a federal district court in San Francisco.

Sony wanted Hotz taken to task for violations of the US Digital Millennium

Copyright Act and a Computer Fraud Abuse Act.

Hotz, who is credited with being the first person to go public with a way to hack into an iPhone, has denied doing anything wrong.

"Sony is glad to put this litigation behind us," said SCEA general counsel Riley Russell.

"We want our consumers to be able to enjoy our devices and products in a safe and fun environment and we want to protect the hard work of the talented engineers, artists, musicians and game designers who make PlayStation games and support the PlayStation Network," Russell continued.

Internet vigilante group Anonymous had vowed retribution against Sony for taking legal action against hackers who cracked PS3 defenses to change console operating software.

Anonymous argued that PS3 console owners have the right to do what they wish with them, including modifying them.

The hacker group threatened to retaliate against Sony by attacking the company's websites.

Apple's iPad to remain top tablet in 2015: Gartner

WASHINGTON (AFP) – The tablet computer market is heating up with new entrants all the time, but Apple's iPad will remain the top device over the next few years, according to technology research company Gartner.

Gartner, in a forecast released Monday, said mounting competition will see Apple's share of the touchscreen tablet market decline but the iPad will still make up nearly half of all tablets sold in 2015.

Gartner said the iPad will account for 47 percent of worldwide sales of 294.3 million tablets in 2015, down from 63.5 percent of 108.2 million units to be sold in 2012 and 68.7 percent of 69.7 million tablets to be sold this year.

The iPad, which was released in April of last year, ac-

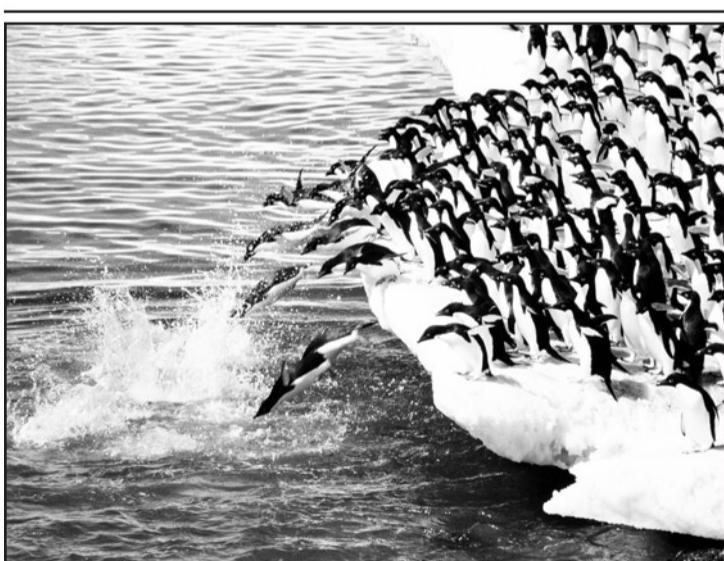
counted for 83.9 percent of the total 17.6 million tablets sold in 2010, according to Gartner.

Gartner said tablets running Google's Android operating system will see their market share rise steadily -- from 14.2 percent last year, to 19.9 percent this year, to 24.4 percent in 2012 and 38.6 percent in 2015.

Tablets running Black-

berry maker Research In Motion's QNX software will claim 5.6 percent of the tablet market this year, 6.6 percent in 2012 and 10.0 percent in 2015, Gartner said.

The only other significant player in Gartner's forecast was Hewlett-Packard with tablets running the WebOS operating system acquired from Palm.



Adelie penguins in the Antarctic. Young penguins in the Antarctic may be dying because of a drop in the number of krill, crustaceans that are a staple of the penguin diet. Krill larvae depend on sea ice and feast on the algae that blooms on the underside of ice packs, and since 1981 the number of krill has plummeted by 80%. US researchers suggested this week. The penguins give us a clue about how global warming will negatively affect animals around the world.

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Health & Living

Australia unveils tough new cigarette pack rules



SYDNEY (AFP) – Australia unveiled the world's toughest laws on tobacco promotion this week that would see cigarettes sold in drab olive-green packets plastered with graphic health warnings.

Under proposed legislation aimed at reducing smoking rates, due to take effect next year, all logos will be removed from cigarette packaging, and tobacco companies must print their brand name in a specific font.

Olive-green was picked after research showed it was the least attractive colour for smokers, in a bid to prevent tobacco companies trying to market their products by making them look luxurious or cool, the health minister said.

As well as the colour, Australia plans to have graphic health warnings with images such as black, diseased gums, blinded eyes and children in hospital cover 75 percent of the front of a pack and all of the back.

"The new packs have been designed to have the lowest appeal to smokers and to make clear the terrible effects that smoking can have on your health," said Health Min-

ister Nicola Roxon in releasing the new designs.

"The legislation will restrict tobacco industry logos, brand imagery, colours and promotional text appearing on packs."

"The only thing to distinguish one brand from another will be the brand and product name in a standard colour, standard position and standard font size and style."

Roxon said 15,000 Australians die of smoking-related diseases every year, and that tobacco use cost the country Aus\$31.5 billion (\$32.9 billion) annually in healthcare

and lost productivity.

Although Australia would be the first country to mandate plain packaging of cigarettes, New Zealand, Canada and Britain have considered a similar policy.

The move has infuriated tobacco companies, with Imperial Tobacco Australia already saying it planned to challenge the move on the grounds that it would impact profits.

British American Tobacco Australia, meanwhile, said the proposed legislation, which still needs to be approved by parliament, would infringe international trademark and intellectual property laws.

Roxon said the government was not scared by legal threats.



OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA :- Remote Area Medical (RAM) volunteer dental hygienists perform teeth cleanings during a free clinic held at the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum this week in Oakland, California. Thousands of uninsured and underinsured people lined up to receive free medical, dental and vision treatments provided by hundreds of volunteer doctors, dentists, optometrists, nurses and support staff during the four day Remote Area Medical clinic being held at the Oakland-Alameda County coliseum.

Is It a Cold? Or an Allergy?



-- Colds and allergies can cause similar symptoms, and finding out which condition you have is the first step in getting relief, according to the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (ACAAI).

Colds are caused by one of more than 200 viruses that get transmitted from person to person.

Allergies, which are not contagious, are caused by allergens, such as pollen, that prompt the immune system to overreact. In spring, high levels of tree and grass pollens cause sneezing and other cold-like symptoms for the estimated 90 million people with allergic rhinitis, more commonly known as hay fever.

There are a number of ways to distinguish between spring allergies and a cold, says the ACAAI.

Colds generally evolve, starting with a stuffy nose, throat irritation and low-grade fever, followed by sneezing and a runny nose with thickening mucus that often turns yellow or green. Common allergy symptoms include sneezing, itchy eyes and nose, but the mucus is typically clear.



While colds usually last a week or two, allergy symptoms persist and can even get worse with continued exposure to the allergen causing your symptoms. Spring allergies can last six weeks or more.

Aches and fever most likely indicate a cold, while itchy eyes are strong evidence of allergies.

A sore throat and cough can occur with allergies, but most likely suggest a cold. Coughing is common in colds but can also be a sign of allergy-related asthma, especially in children. People with a persistent cough should see an allergist, the ACAAI advises.

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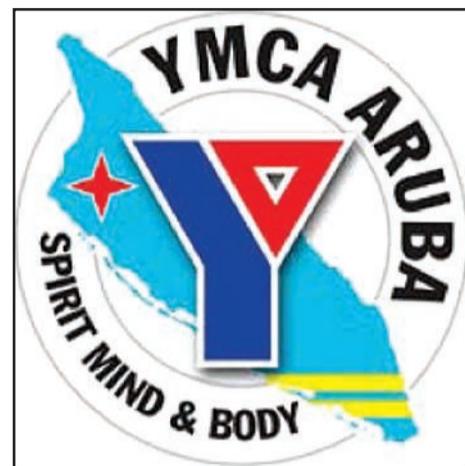
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YMCA celebrates its 55th anniversary with a tremendous fundraising event



ORANJESTAD -- The YMCA team is very busy with all the preparations for its annual fundraising event. This year, team members are going all out for the big celebration, which coincides with the 55th anniversary of YMCA. The big event is on June 3, 2011 at YMCA Dakota from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

YMCA this year again is counting on the "Celebrities of Aruba" to help promote their event and on the community for their support by enjoying a pleasant evening while at the same time contributing to the

YMCA. There will be Zumba, basketball games and demonstrations of games that are usually played enjoyed at their centers.

Objective of The YMCA Celebrity Telethon is to raise funds for the various projects they planned offered to all ages of members who use their facilities.

All are welcome to enjoy a pleasant evening on June 3 at the YMCA Dakota from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. while assisting the important work of the YMCA.

Evan is on the look-out for friends and family members

We would like to introduce Evan to you, one of the donkeys living at the Aruban Donkey Sanctuary. He is one of the few donkeys who has wandered into the sanctuary all by his own. Of course he was welcome to stay, but after a while he just disappeared as suddenly as he had come in. He did not stay away long, as the companionship of the other donkeys, the good food and the lovely hay had a definite charm. After some time away, he was knocking at our door again, asking to come in, this time for good.

Evan, a robust, dominant, but very friendly donkey, loves living here now. He looks very cool, a bit like a Belgian postman's horse and he has a weird characteristic: when he is braying, it sounds as if his vocal chords need a dash of WD40: there is a high note in his voice.

Evan has a chip, just like the other donkeys. This way he can be recognized and all his medical information is on it. The donkeys at the sanctuary are well-cared for: they get their food and drink and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers.



The volunteers are now looking for people who wish to adopt Evan. He will stay at the sanctuary, of course; the only thing that is needed is that AWG. 30,- per month is paid for his keep. In this way you help support this wonderful donkey as well as the sanctuary. You will receive a nice document and a super T-shirt. And if you like, your name and photo will be posted on our website.

Please call the Donkey Sanctuary at 593 2933 and become Evan's new family member; you can also register as an adoptive parent via our website www.arubandonkey.org. or deposit a donation on our Aruba Bank account 40.03.025. Please help!

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Munye Oduber-Winklaar gives beautiful presentation at the St.Michael Paviljon



Last Thursday the Aruba National Library started with a project for senior citizens residing at the different elderly homes on Aruba. Munye Oduber-Winklaar visited the St. Michael Paviljon where she entertained the clients with some nice stories. First she sang old time songs and rhymes with the clients to set the mood. Afterwards she narrated a story on shoes, of all types and colors, the preferred ones, the adventurous

shoes and those unforgettable shoes. She still has that pair of shoes.

She also showed them her pair of dancing shoes with which she danced a whole night long until the sole wore out. Shoes can tell a story. And that is what Munye shared with the senior citizens while enjoying their participation in the storytelling.

After the presentation Munye presented a short documentary on Aruba in the

early years. This brought back many nice memories among the public of times when they were kids.

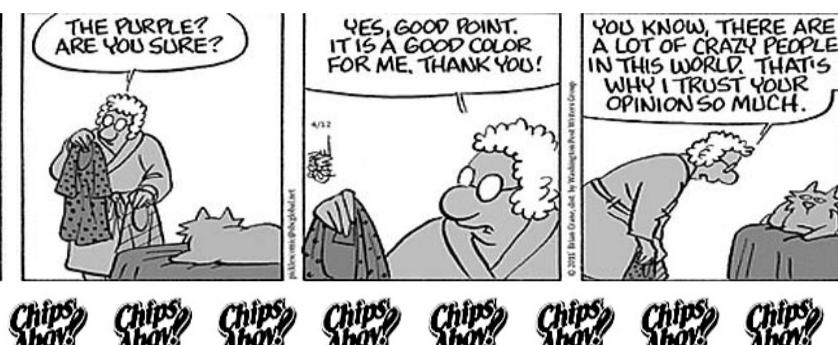
The Story Telling project for our senior citizens is an annual project which exists for six years already. The Aruba National Library in conjunction with local authors and poets visit elderly homes, entertaining clients for 1 hour. The Kiwanis Palm Beach Service Club helps with the expenses of the vis-



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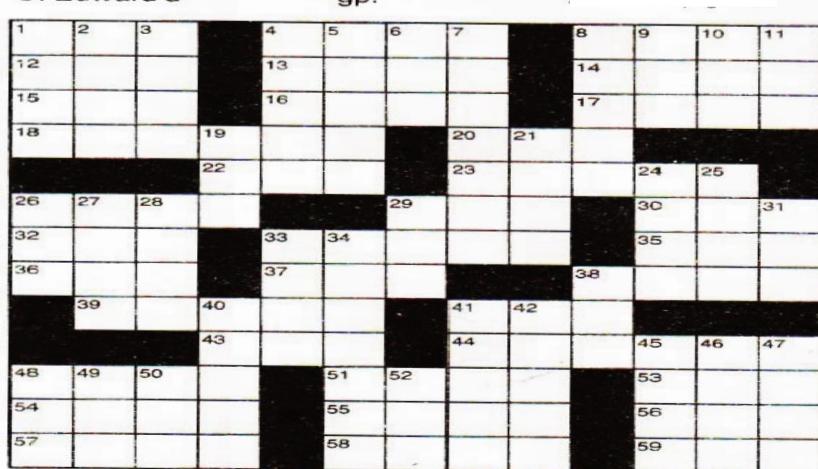
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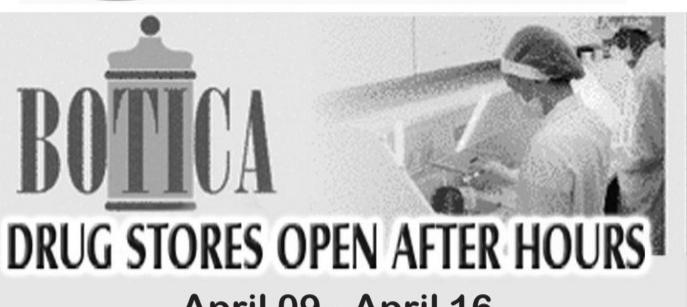
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Brazil's Rousseff wants 'new phase' in China ties

BEIJING (AFP) – Visiting Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Tuesday called for a "new phase" in ties with China and urged the world's second-largest economy to buy more from her country than iron ore and soybeans.

Rousseff, who arrived in Beijing on Monday for her first major foreign trip since taking office in January, is looking to boost ties with China, which has in recent years become Brazil's largest trade partner and largest investor.

The two major emerging powers signed nearly two dozen agreements after talks between Rousseff and Chinese President Hu Jintao, including a deal for the sale of 35 Embraer E190 commercial jets to two Chinese airlines.

"Brazil wants to inaugurate a new phase in these relations -- a qualitative leap," Rousseff told a high-level dialogue on science and technology to kick off a jam-packed day of meetings with Chinese officials and top businessmen

Europe opens chequebook to revive Ivory Coast economy

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) – Europe granted Ivory Coast President Alassane Ouattara a half-a-billion-euro inducement Tuesday to secure economic revival after months of violence leading up to Laurent Gbagbo's capture.

Former colonial power France announced a cash injection of 400 million euros (\$580 million), after which European Union development commissioner Andris Piebalgs produced another 180 million.

The aim was to give Ivory Coast citizens "peace, a future, their economy restored" and get life "back to normal," said EU foreign affairs chief Catherine Ashton at a meeting of ministers in Luxembourg.

On both counts, though, money will be used to clear external Ivory Coast debts.

Designed to reboot the violence-wracked west African country's economy, Europe wants to help stabilise the new regime in the world's top cocoa producer, after a four-month political crisis that saw the west African nation slip back towards civil war.

EU, IMF experts discuss bailout with Portugal

LISBON, Portugal (AFP) – EU and IMF experts began work yesterday with Portugal on working out the details of an 80-billion-euro bailout package which is seen locally as a painful humiliation.

The European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund experts were setting out their programme for discussions on the technical aspects of the bailout, a delegation spokesman said.

The spokesman said he could not give details of the expected talks with Portuguese officials having to come to terms with the third eurozone debt bailout after Greece and Ireland last year.

These technical talks, whose findings will then go into discussions with Portugal's political leaders, will be

closed to the press, Lisbon said.

The debt rescue, finally agreed to after months of agonising efforts to avoid having to call for help, is hugely controversial in Portugal where many see it as a humiliation for the country.

"The team of experts which arrived today in Lisbon ... come here to mark our failure. Every step they take down from their plane will be a blow to our pride, our independence and freedom of action," Pedro Santos Guerreiro, head of business daily Jornal de Negocios wrote in an editorial.

"The country stands humiliated," he added.

The technical talks should be relatively straightforward compared to the political discussions which will be held as early general elections on June

5 loom increasing large.

The EU and the IMF have offered to help Portugal but have warned that in return Lisbon will have to implement more public spending cuts, tax rises and far-reaching privatisation.

The programme is supposed to be worked out by mid-May, ahead of the elections. The major political parties have said they accepted the need to ask for a bailout but the pressure of campaigning for polls could make the negotiations fraught with political calculations.

Portugal has to repay some 5.0 billion euros (\$7.2 billion) in debt by June 15 and most analysts believe it must have the EU-IMF rescue loans agreed by then if it is to make the payment and so avoid default.

Oil prices tumble on IEA demand warning

LONDON, England (AFP) – World oil prices slumped yesterday after the International Energy Agency warned that recent high prices have hurt global demand for energy. Brent North Sea crude for delivery in May slumped \$3.09 to \$120.89 a barrel in late afternoon London trade.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in May, sank \$3.89 to \$106.03.

"Investor focus has finally shifted from the supply side to concerns over potential damage to demand, as highlighted by the IEA monthly report earlier today, and amid talk of Saudi Arabia reducing production," VTB Capital analyst Andrei Kryuchenkov told AFP.

He added that the market was also weighed down by

profit-taking and the softer US dollar.

The Paris-based IEA warned Tuesday that "there are real risks that a sustained \$100 dollars a barrel-plus price environment will prove incompatible with the currently expected pace of economic recovery."

The Paris-based agency said in its monthly report that "global oil demand growth has shown signs of slowing in recent months in the face of sharply higher prices."

Following six months of forecast increases, the IEA kept its oil demand prediction for the rest of the year unchanged, saying it should reach 89.4 million barrels per day (bpd), 1.6 percent up on 2010.

World oil production dropped by 70,000 bpd to 88.3 million bpd in March, due to a 70 percent drop in production in Libya, where rebels in the east of the country are fighting Moamer Kadhafi's regime, backed by NATO air strikes.

"The loss of Libyan production and the 25-30 percent jump in oil prices since the

crisis began in mid-February has so far drawn a limited response from fellow OPEC members," the IEA said.

Traders are particularly concerned that rocketing prices could undermine the delicate recovery in the United States, which is the world's biggest economy and the largest oil consuming nation.

Surging oil prices have sparked fears of a return to the record levels above \$147 a barrel seen in 2008.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

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The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



The Queen's outdoor

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

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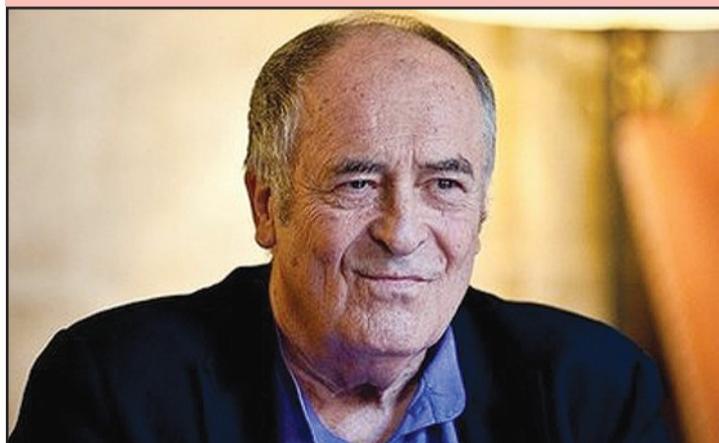
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Bertolucci to receive Cannes honorary award



Italian director Bernardo Bertolucci is pictured in a press conference in Rome in 2010.

PARIS, France (AFP) – Italian cinema legend Bernardo Bertolucci, whose classics include "Last Tango in Paris" and "The Last Emperor," is to receive an honorary Palme d'Or at Cannes, festival organisers said.

The award has previously

been presented on an ad hoc basis to movie directors such as Woody Allen or Clint Eastwood but will now become an annual event, with Bertolucci the first recipient, they said in statement.

"His political and social in-

vovement, driven by a profound lyricism and an elegant and accurate direction, gives his films a unique place in the history of world cinema," it added.

The festival on the French Riviera opens on May 11 with US actor and director Robert De Niro presiding over the jury that will pick its most coveted Palme d'Or award for best movie from a score of competitors.

The list of the competing films was due to be unveiled in Paris tomorrow.

South Korean director Boon Joon-Ho will chair the jury that picks the winner of the Camera d'Or prize for best first film at the festival.

Last year Thailand's Apichatpong Weerasethakul took the Palme d'Or with a surreal and hypnotic reincarnation tale set in the jungle.

Police sniff out \$10 mln buried in garlic field



SEOUL, South Korea (AFP) – South Korean police have sniffed out a total of 11 billion won (\$10.1 million) in cash buried in remote garlic fields and have confiscated the haul, officers said.

TV footage showed plastic containers brimming with jaw-dropping wads of cash being excavated one after another in the southwestern city of Gimje.

Two brothers who had made the money from an illegal Internet gambling operation asked their brother-in-law surnamed Lee to hide the cash as police began closing in on them, media reports said.

One brother is now in jail while the other is still at large.

Lee, 53, bought the garlic

field and buried the cash at dusk or dawn, pretending to be working on the land. But he later dug up about 400 million won and spent it, without telling the brothers he had helped himself.

Because one brother was about to be released from jail, Lee allegedly tried to blame the lost cash on an excavator operator working on the land. But the operator reported the case to police who unearthed the buried bonanza.

Police said yesterday they are seeking an arrest warrant for Lee.

News media said the case underscored the need to crack down on widespread illegal online gambling sites which are based offshore.



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Football: FIFA committee takes over Bosnia federation

G E N E V A , Switzerland(AFP) - FIFA on Tuesday set up a committee to take over the running of Bosnian football and resolve rifts that led to Bosnia Hercegovina's suspension from international football this month.

The six strong normalisation committee will immediately cut off the old tripartite leadership by May 26 and reform the country's football federation by the end of November, world football's governing body said in a statement.

FIFA and European governing body UEFA suspended Bosnia Hercegovina from international and European football on April 1 after the country's federation (NSBIH) failed to adopt statutes that would lead to a single-member presidency.

"The FIFA Emergency Committee has decided today 12 April 2011 to appoint a normalisation committee in order to solve the problems faced by the Football Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FFBH)," FIFA said.

"After discussions with various stakeholders and following consultation with UEFA, a six person normalisation committee with football personalities from Bosnia-Hercegovina has been established and put in place with immediate effect."

"The normalisation committee acts immediately as football federation of Bosnia Hercegovina executive committee as well as FFBH emergency committee," it added.

European and world footballing chiefs have demanded that NSBIH's ethnic-based tripartite presidency -- consisting of a Croat, a Muslim and a Serb member -- be replaced by a single president, to overcome divisions that blocked decision making.

Bosnia are currently involved in qualifying for the 2012 European Championships to be held in Poland and Ukraine, playing in Group D. Their next game is against Romania on June 3.

Since the 1991-1995 war, Bosnia consists of two enti-

ties -- the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Serbs' Republika Srpska.

Apart from the joint football federation, founded in 2002, each semi-autonomous half also has a federation of its own.

In a first phase the normalisation committee will hold a general assembly by May 26 to adopt new statutes for the federation and cut off the old leadership that had opposed them.

FIFA said it will "ensure that all connections/relationships with any members of the 'former' FFBH leadership are cut immediately with regard to the decision-making in financial, administrative, sporting and other matters"

The committee would also map out improvements and take steps to "further improve" the Bosnian federation's finances, including the risk of bankruptcy according to football's governing body

In a second phase, it will hold new elections to appoint federation officials and bodies by November 30, who would then resume control of Bosnian football.

US Golfer Tiger Woods conducting golf clinic for junior Chinese



DONGGUAN, China : Tiger Woods of the US conduct a golf clinic for junior Chinese golfers at the Mission Hills Dongguan golf club in Dongguan, in southern China's Guangdong province on April 12, 2011. Woods said he was impressed with the growth of golf in China, where the sport is booming, and has predicted Chinese golfers will break into the top 50 in the world.

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Golf: South Africa to host richest world championship

JOHANNESBURG,(AFP) - South Africa on Tuesday announced a five-year deal to stage a \$10 million World Golf Championship event featuring the top 70 players vying for what's touted as the richest prize in the game.

"This is, without doubt, the most significant milestone in the history of professional golf in South Africa," Sunshine Tour commissioner Gareth Tindall said in a statement.

"What is even more significant is that we have the commitment that we will host this World Golf Championships event for a period of five years," said Tindall.

He told media that the \$10 million tournament, to start in 2012, would be the richest

single event in the sport and have positive implications for the game and the country, according to the Sapa news agency.

The championship, which will be known as the Tournament of Hope, will be used to create awareness of poverty and AIDS in Africa, he said.

No dates or venues for the event have been confirmed, said Tindall.

The announcement came after local champion Charl Schwartzel lifted the 75th Masters trophy in Augusta on Sunday.

South Africa has produced top golfers like Gary Player Ernie Els and last year's British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen.

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2014 BMW Championship headed to Cherry Hills



DENVER, Colorado (AFP) – John Elway, (photo) the quarterback who helped the Broncos bring two Super Bowl titles to Denver, has helped the Mile High City land a prestigious PGA Tour event.

Elway said Tuesday that Cherry Hills Golf Club, in suburban Denver will host the 2014 BMW Championship, the tournament that serves as the third in a series of four FedEx Cup playoff competitions.

The tournament is scheduled to be held September 1-7, 2014.

"We're thrilled as a club that this has come together and we get a great tournament in 2014," said Elway, who has rejoined the Broncos at their chief football executive following a franchise-worst 4-12 season. "Colorado has so many great sports fans. It's always been a great place to come up here and play whatever you play."

The 89-year-old Cherry Hills course has hosted eight US Golf Association championships, including US Opens in 1938, '60 and '78.

The BMW Championship will be held at Cog Hill in Chicago this fall and Crooked Stick in Indianapolis in 2012. The host site for 2013 has yet to be decided.

Hard times for US sports

AUGUSTA, Georgia (AFP) – It was a miserable Masters for US golfers, underlining once again how Americans no longer dominate the world of sports as they once did.

In a remarkable turnaround, South African Charl Schwartzel's triumph at Augusta National means that golfers from beyond US borders now own all four major titles for only the second time in golf history.

More worryingly for US fans, only a charging Tiger Woods was ever in contention on the final day to provide a home win for Augusta National fans to cheer.

"America is big," Schwartzel said. "But the world is bigger."

The last time that all four major titles were in US possession dates back to 1982 when Craig Stadler won the Masters, Tom Watson won the US and British Opens and Ray Floyd won the PGA Championship.

It may be some time before they do so again.

The scenario has become all too familiar to American sports fans and administrators.

In tennis, the only one of the eight men's and women's Grand Slam titles that remains in US hands is the Wimbledon women's crown, won last year by Serena Williams.

But she and sister Venus are injured and nearing the end of their stellar careers and behind them the cupboard is virtually bare.

Currently the next highest-ranking American is Bethanie Mattek-Sands at 41 and she is also in the veteran category.

The men are higher-ranked but are without a Grand Slam winner since Andy Roddick at the 2003

US Open – a world away from the 1990s when Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Jim Courier and Michael Chang ruled the roost.

The list of American agonies is long.

Long gone is the era when such legends as Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman and Larry Holmes dominated boxing's heavyweight scene.

Instead the four major world heavyweight titles belong to the Klitschko brothers of Ukraine and Britain's David Haye.

In cycling, seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong has retired with the allegations that he used performance enhancing drugs throughout his career gaining

Giants, Dodgers denounce fan violence

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – The Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants put aside their heated rivalry to denounce the violence that left a Giants' supporter in a coma with head injuries.

In a rare sight before a Major League Baseball game, players from both teams came out of their dugouts and stood on the pitcher's mound to urge supporters to end the hatred that resulted in Bryan Stow being severely beaten outside Dodgers Stadium by two Los Angeles fans.

Giants pitcher Jeremy Affeldt and Dodgers infielder Jamey Carroll took turns speaking to the crowd of 40,870 from the field before the game.

"This game is not about violence, it's about having fun," Dodgers centre fielder Matt Kemp said after the game.

in intensity.

Jamaicans Usain Bolt and Asafa Powell dominate the world of sprinting, even though Tyson Gay is a worthy-enough successor to such speed kings as Carl Lewis and Maurice Greene.

Michael Phelps is still the biggest star in swimming, but his fourth-placed finish in the 200 metres butterfly behind China's Wu Peng at the Michigan Grand Prix last weekend is an indication of how hard it will be for him to get near his epic performance at the 2008 Beijing Olympics when he won an unprecedented eight gold medals.

In baseball the two World Classic championships contested to date have been won by Japan, Canada dominates in ice hockey, while the US football team made the last 16 of last summer's World Cup in South Africa only to be eliminated by Ghana.

China, meanwhile, unseated the United States as top Olympics power in Beijing three years ago.

It all adds up to a depressing enough picture for American sports on the international stage. Only time will tell if it is merely cyclical or something more fundamental.



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The Synchronized Swimming Selection Athletes



Savaneta -- On Saturday the 16th of April at 11:00am at the pool in Savaneta, the Synchronized Swimming Selection Athletes of 16 – 18 years of age will be officially presenting the routines they are going to be competing with abroad on the 21st of April in Calgary Canada for the Canadian Open and later in the year for the Brazil Open on the 31st of May.

Our younger selection team will also be presenting their routines for their competitions in June in Toronto Canada and in June in Puerto Rico.

Everyone is invited to join and support these ath-

letes at the pool. Admission is free. We want to thank everyone for the support they gave the Synchronized Swimmers and look forward to seeing them on Saturday at 11:00am.

Colegio Arubano organizes Aquathlon on April 16th

Students from Colegio Arubano will compete in a Aquathlon on Saturday the 16th of April at 7.30 a.m., which consists of running, swimming and running.

The route for the competition in both the boys and girls divisions is 1200 meters run-

ning, followed by 200 meters swimming and ending with 1200 meters running. Start and finish will be at Nikki (Surfside) Beach.

There will be about 80 participants in the boys division and 100 in the girls division. All the students have

been training for this event as part of the physical education program at the school. Some of them even trained on their own to finish with a faster time in the event.

For the first time there will be Dutch marines from the camp in Savaneta patrolling

in rubber boats to ensure the safety of the swimmers as part of their community service program. And as always the Red Cross will ensure the safety of the participants in general.

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